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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Re: Ex Parte Notice
ET Docket 03-65; MM Docket 00-39
Pappas Telecasting Companies

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(a)(2) of the Commission's rules, this is to notify the Commission of an ex parte presentation made to the Commission's staff in the above referenced proceedings.

Specifically, on October 21, 2003, Peter C. Pappas, Executive Vice President for Government & Regulatory Affairs for Pappas Telecasting Companies ("Pappas"), LeBon G. Abercrombie, Senior Executive Vice President of Pappas, and Dale Kelly, Pappas's Senior Engineer, met with Paul Gallant, Media Advisor to Chairman Powell. The parties discussed Pappas' Comments in the above-referenced proceedings, Pappas' concerns about the current performance deficits of existing over-the-air digital tuners, and its support for the adoption of minimum performance standards for digital television receivers.

If questions arise regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned

Sincerely,

Peter C. Pappas
Executive Vice President

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